



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Skeem, et al

Serial Number: 08/892,836

Examiner: G. Nguyen

Filed: July 15, 1997

Group Art Unit: 3723

For: Metal Single Layer Abrasive Cutting Tool Having a Contoured Cutting Surface

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.116

This amendment is in response to a Final Office Action, mailed on January 14, 1999, in the above-captioned patent application. Claims 1 -34 are pending in the application and Claims 2 and 27 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected species. Claims 1, 3-26 and 28-34 are rejected under 35 USC Section 103(a) over US Pat No. 5,018,276 to Asada ("Asada"), in view of US Pat. No 5,215,072 to Scott ("Scott") and US Pat No. 3,894,673 to Lowder, et al, ("Lowder").

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

REMARKS**Section 103(a) Rejection:**

Applicants repeat their comments filed in previous amendments herein with respect to the cited references and offer these additional comments.

If In re Keller 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981) is the appropriate Section 103(a) law to apply in Applicants' case, as the Examiner has indicated, then the issues are :

- 1) What would Asada, in view of Lowder, suggest to one skilled in the art ?

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